

The Rubbish RESOURCE



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GOALS FOR RECYCLING?

The year 2000 has come and gone, and with it so has the diversion/recycling goal of 40 percent. Interest is brewing for another goal for the state, and DES is considering various methodologies. However, what is achievable at the local level is certainly of interest, and we thought our readers might appreciate the opportunity to give us their thoughts on the issue. Take some time to answer the following questions and send us your answers. This survey will be helpful as we consider the possibility of a new goal.

What is your current rate of recycling (ballpark is fine)? _____

What materials are included in the rate? _____

What level of recycling do you feel is achievable in your community? _____

What are the top three factors that may have prevented you from reaching the 40 percent diversion goal? _____

What are the top three factors that have helped you progress toward the 40 percent goal? _____

Please list three factors that New Hampshire could do better to increase the state level of recycling.

Please mail your responses to:

Att: Survey
Planning and Community Assistance Section
New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services
6 Hazen Drive
Concord, New Hampshire 03301
Or by the Web at:
www.des.state.nh.us/pcas
or
email to cway@des.state.nh.us

REMINDER

The Solid Waste Annual Facility Report and Municipal Recycling Information Sheet were due on **March 31, 2003**. If you did not receive your report forms or need assistance in completing the forms, contact Parker Morgan at 271-5380. The report forms are also available on the DES website at: www.des.state.nh.us/pcas.

The Municipal Recycling Information Sheet replaces the Governor's Recycling Program form that you received in previous years. Next year, the recycling form will be incorporated into the Annual Facility Report form.

LESS PAPERWORK, SAME RULES



As of March 12, 2003, municipalities are no longer required to obtain a Burn Authorization from the DES Air

Resources Division. This change will reduce the amount of notification paperwork performed by towns. The Air Resources Division will send a letter to towns reminding them of the rules and responsibilities associated with operating a burn pile.

Although towns no longer need to notify Air Resources, the rules are still the same. Burn piles should only contain clean brush and dimensional lumber. No painted and/or treated lumber should be

placed in the burn pile. Brush and lumber in the pile should not exceed 5” in diameter. If you have questions regarding Air Resources rules, contact Dave Degler at 271-0537.

Towns managing their clean wood waste by burning are still required to contact the Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED), Forest and Lands Division and apply for a commercial burn permit. A commercial burn permit is required if the town burns brush between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Contact the Forest and Lands Division at 271-2217 for more information.

Keep on top of solid waste issues: Join the Recycling List Serve today!
Sign on at the DES website: www.des.state.nh.us/pcas/listserv.htm.

A TRIBUTE TO JOHN E. LECRAW



We were saddened to learn of the passing of John E. LeCraw, a member of the Waste Management Council and a friend to all who were involved in solid waste issues. John passed away on March 5, 2003 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

John, who earned a degree in organic chemistry, served as a Naval Officer during World War II and Korea. John was a senior executive with Mosstype Corporation. In addition to his longtime

contributions on the Waste Management Council, he served as a member of the Governor’s Solid Waste Task Force and was a trustee of the Northeast Resource Recovery Association. John was also Mayor of Old Westbury, N.Y. He pioneered a compost recovery system in Jakarta, Indonesia that was later put into use worldwide. John is survived by his wife Lydia of 62 years, his son Donald, his daughter Adrienne and four grandchildren. There will be a memorial service held in Marlborough, N.H. at a later date.

Storm Water Planning Update

On January 29, 139 people attended a storm water planning session at DES. A second session was held in Lancaster on March 12 with 35 people in attendance. The attendees were given materials that they could use to complete the federal Notice of Intent and to create a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan for their facility. Since then, DES has distributed additional copies of the materials and has posted them on the DES website at www.des.state.nh.us/pcas . At least 46 towns are completing the forms or have asked questions about them. If you need materials or help, please contact Don Maurer at 271-2928 or dmaurer@des.state.nh.us .

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